



**Community Services Block Grant
FY2016-2017 CSBG State Plan
Public Hearing Agenda**

Organization: WV Office of Economic Opportunity

Date: Wednesday, August 19, 2015

Time: 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Location: 700 Washington Street East, Charleston, WV - 2nd Floor Conference Room

- 1. Welcome and Introductions**
- 2. Office of Economic Opportunity Overview**
- 3. Community Services Block Grant Overview**
 - a. What is the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG)?**
 - b. State Plan Format**
 - c. State Plan At-A-Glance Review**
 - d. 2016-2017 Funding Distribution**
 - Allocation and Use of Eligible Entity Funds
 - Allocation and Use of Administrative Funds
 - Allocation and Use of CSBG Discretionary Funds
 - e. The Future for CSBG Funding**
- 4. Public Comments/Discussions**
- 5. Adjournment**

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P R O C E E D I N G S

MS. WODA: Good afternoon. My name is Shelly Woda. I'm the Community Services Block Grant Program Manager for the West Virginia Office of Economic Opportunity.

We are meeting this afternoon to hear comments on the State Plan for the 2016 and 2017 Community Services Block Grant Program. The plan has been available since August 5th on our website and at Community Action Agencies around the state. There are several copies available here.

The Office of Economic Opportunity has been designated by the Governor, Earl Ray Tomblin, of West Virginia to act as the lead agency for the administration of the Community Services Block Grant.

Julie Alston is the authorized official of the lead agency and I am the designated state CSBG point of contact.

The purpose of this grant is to provide assistance to communities through community agency agencies that reduce poverty, revitalize low-income communities and empower low-income families and individuals to become self-sufficient.

To qualify for fiscal year 2016 CSBG

1 funding, states must submit their State Plan
2 applications to the Office of Community Services by
3 September 1st, 2015, using the new CSBG Model State
4 Plan format.

5 States will submit their information
6 electronically through the Administration for
7 Children and Families' Online Data Collection System,
8 or OLDC.

9 This is the first year that State Plans are
10 required to be submitted electronically. According
11 to section 676(b) of the CSBG Act, states, including
12 territories, must prepare and submit an application
13 and State Plan for CSBG funding.

14 OCS provides funds to CSBG grantees based on
15 the determination that their application and plan are
16 complete and in accordance with all requirements of
17 the CSBG Act.

18 The State CSBG application and plan is a
19 critical document for both State and Federal
20 oversight of CSBG. The new CSBG Model State Plan
21 used by states for the first time this year,
22 integrates and aligns requirements from the CSBG Act
23 with elements of the overall CSBG Performance
24 Management and Accountability Framework, which

1 includes organizational standards for CSBG eligible
2 entities, accountability measures for states and OCS,
3 and CSBG data analysis of outcome measures.

4 Ultimately, this framework will enable the
5 CSBG Network at the local, state and federal levels,
6 to continuously improve their programs and generate
7 stronger results for low-income families and
8 communities.

9 Over the past year OCS has collaborated
10 closely with the CSBG Network to develop a new CSBG
11 Model State Plan that is streamlined and automated,
12 and that incorporates elements of the CSBG
13 Performance Management and Accountability Framework.

14 The fiscal year 2016 and 2017 State Plan was
15 made available on our website for your review prior
16 to this hearing, and the layout of the State Plan is
17 as follows:

18 Section 1: CSBG lead agency, authorized
19 official, point of contact and official state
20 designation letter

21 Section 2: State legislation and regulation

22 Section 3: State Plan development and
23 statewide goals

24 Section 4: CSBG hearing requirements

1 Section 5: CSBG eligible entities
2 Section 6: Organizational standards for
3 eligible entitles
4 Section 7: State use of funds
5 Section 8: State training and technical
6 assistance
7 Section 9: State linkages and communication
8 Section 10: Monitoring, corrective action
9 and fiscal controls
10 Section 11: Eligible Entity Tripartite
11 Board
12 Section 12: Individual and community income
13 eligibility requirements
14 Section 13: Results Oriented Management and
15 Accountability or ROMA System
16 Section 14: CSBG programmatic assurances
17 and information narrative
18 Section 15: Federal certifications
19 At this time I'll focus on some of the
20 specifics in the Plan.
21 Item 3.2, which is the State Plan goals,
22 highlights the goals of the State CSBG Office for
23 this plan period. Goals that are new to this year's
24 plan include:

1 Goal 6 - To promote the implementation of
2 the National Organizational Standards, including
3 provision of training and resources to CSBG eligible
4 entities to complete an electronic self-assessment.

5 Item 7 - To review the Organizational
6 Standards electronic self-assessments annually and
7 provide Technical Assistance Plans or Quality
8 Improvements Plans for improvement.

9 And Goal 8 - to assure that all West
10 Virginia CSBG eligible entities meet 100 percent of
11 the Organizational Standards by the end of 2017.

12 Item 5.1 - CSBG Eligible Entities includes a
13 chart of the 16 nonprofits designated to receive the
14 CSBG 90 percent funds for this plan period. The
15 chart includes the geographical area by county that
16 is served by each eligible entity.

17 Item 6.3 indicates that the State has
18 officially adopted organizational standards for
19 eligible entities in the State through the
20 distribution of a State Information Memorandum, IM
21 2015-3. Compliance with the Organizational Standards
22 will also be a requirement of the CSBG grant
23 agreement between the State and Subrecipients.

24 Item 9.9 - Communication with eligible

1 entities and the State Community Action Association
2 includes a chart of planned communication. Most
3 communication will take place via email and webinars;
4 however, the State is including in the year's State
5 Plan mandatory eligible entity executive director
6 meetings to take place quarterly. The inclusion of
7 the meeting is to promote healthy communication and
8 engage the eligible entities and encourage more
9 dialogue for the improvement of the CSBG in the state
10 of West Virginia.

11 Item 10.2 - Monitoring policies. The CSBG
12 monitoring policies have been outlined in detail in a
13 CSBG Information Memorandum Number 2015-5. The
14 policy is scheduled to become effective on October
15 1st, 2015. There are no significant changes in the
16 manner in which monitoring has been performed during
17 the last program period.

18 Item 10.6 - Reporting QIPs. OEO will report
19 all Quality Improvement Plans initiated to the
20 Federal Office of Community Services as requested.

21 All right. So 2016 and 2017 Distribution:
22 Allocation and use of eligible entity funds:
23 The funding detailed in the plan is based on
24 current 2015 funding for West Virginia. Like many

1 federally-funded programs, funding levels for CSBG
2 for the federal fiscal year starting October 1st,
3 2015 has not yet been set.

4 In accordance with the CSBG Act, 90 percent
5 of funds allocated to the State of West Virginia for
6 CSBG will be allocated to eligible entities using an
7 allocation method known as Base plus Formula.

8 Each eligible entity will be awarded
9 \$150,000 plus \$5,000 for each county in the service
10 area to make up the base allocation. The remainder
11 will be distributed to eligible entities based on the
12 number of persons under 125 percent of the Federal
13 Poverty Level established the Federal Department of
14 Health and Human Services.

15 Awards are contingent upon the amount
16 awarded to the state of West Virginia by the
17 Administration for Children and families.

18 The State plans to allocate 5 percent of
19 State CSBG funds for administrative activities. That
20 will include an estimated 13 staff positions funded
21 in whole or in part with CSBG funds and an estimated
22 5.0 full time equivalents, or FTEs, will be funded
23 under this State Plan.

24 Also, the State plans to use the remainder

1 or discretionary funds as outlined in 7.9, and that
2 will be 5 percent of the total award.

3 Within the next year, OCS plans to
4 collaborate with the CSBG Network to develop an
5 automated annual report that aligns with the new CSBG
6 Model State Plan to implement the three elements of
7 the CSBG Performance Management and Accountability
8 Framework.

9 We have not received information about the
10 future of CSBG funding; however, we do not anticipate
11 any significant changes for this plan year. The
12 funding is contingent upon the amount appropriated by
13 the United States Congress.

14 This public hearing is a requirement of the
15 Community Services Block Grant and is recorded for
16 the public record. And if you have not signed in
17 yet, please do that now.

18 Our recorder today is Evalyn Garrett Bibbee.

19 And we'll now welcome any comments about
20 this Grant State Plan for 2016 and 2017. I also ask
21 that you provide your comments in writing before you
22 leave today and we will respond in writing before the
23 plan is finalized and submitted to OCS.

24 So at this moment, I'll take a few minutes

1 to wait for any comments.

2 Having heard no comments, this meeting is
3 now adjourned.

4 (WHEREUPON, the hearing was
5 adjourned at 3:16 P.M.)
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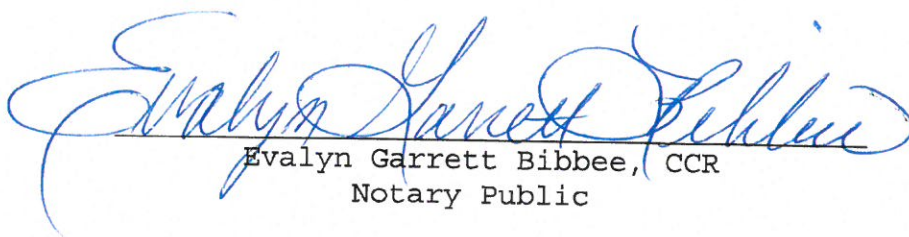
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STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA,
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I, Evalyn Garrett Bibbee, Certified Court Reporter, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct verbatim record of the proceedings had at the time and place set forth herein.

I certify that the attached transcript meets the requirements set forth within Article 27, Chapter 47 of the West Virginia Code.

Given under my hand this 26th day of
August, 2015.


Evalyn Garrett Bibbee, CCR
Notary Public

My commission expires June 8, 2018.